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South Davis Neighbors

A Neighborhood Action Plan

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Neighborhood Action Planning Overview

Over the years, the City of Arlington has come to recognize a need for individualized attention in Arlington's more established neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Action Planning program is designed to provide a strategy of problem solving and responsibility in order to avoid the deterioration of property values and quality of life that many other urban areas now face. By addressing issues identified in the neighborhood action planning process proactively, before they become problems, we can avoid the social and economic impacts of "rebuilding" a neighborhood while greatly improving the quality of life for the residents of Arlington.

By creating a forum for citizen involvement in addressing the neighborhood's issues through the Neighborhood Action Planning process, we promote creative problem solving and a spirit of teamwork between the stakeholders in the neighborhood. That partnership will serve as a model for other neighborhoods throughout Arlington as they begin to face the challenges associated with aging neighborhoods.

The plan addresses the need to protect the assets of the neighborhood and recommends ways to meet these needs through short-term goals.

Overview of the South Davis Process:

The South Davis neighborhood requested City staff assistance in the development of their Neighborhood Action Plan in late 2001. The demonstrated interest by the residents to improve their neighborhood through the formation of a neighborhood association and citizen activism was the guiding force

in their action plan. The South Davis Neighbors area is a well established neighborhood in the heart of Arlington and it's residents want to preserve their neighborhood's integrity.

Timeline of events:

1) Meet with Neighborhood Leaders to discuss the possibility of completing a neighborhood plan to give the association a consensus driven work program for the future.

2) The Giles hosted a neighborhood mixer for South Davis Neighbors members where the idea of a neighborhood plan was explained to the attendees.

3) Neighborhood Surveys were mailed to every home, collected by neighborhood volunteers, and then tabulated by City staff.

4) A Neighborhood Strategy Session was held in January at the South Davis Elementary Cafeteria. An invitation went out to all homeowners, renters, business owners, and their employees in the South Davis Neighbors area (bounded by Cooper Street, Fielder Road, Park Row, and Pioneer Parkway) to assist in the preparation of the neighborhood plan. More than sixty residents and business owners from the South Davis neighborhood participated in the strategy session. This was an all day brainstorming session that included several exercises:

4a. S.W.O.T. This exercise was designed to help identify the STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, & THREATS

(SWOT) of the neighborhood. Participants worked in teams to identify as many of each category as possible. The exercise was a brainstorming exercise, very fast paced and volume oriented. The objective was to think Quantity not Quality! The exercise ended with participants voting on the issues that they think most warrant attention. From that voting, we compared notes with the neighborhood survey results and then chose the top fourteen issues on which to focus our solution efforts.

4b. The Solution Phase During this time, we worked to identify goals, objectives, and strategies for the issues identified in the SWOT analysis and survey results. To identify the goal statements, we looked at the issues that we identified and then created a “needs” statement. Once we had a goal statement in place, we began with “If this is what we need, how can we accomplish this?” The association will develop action steps for the goals during the coming months to help keep the groups working toward the common goals outlined in the plan.

5) The Compilation of our Work. Staff compiled all of the ideas and suggestions offered at the meeting into one document that provides an overview of the goals and objectives that were set at the strategy session.

Major Goals of the South Davis Neighbors’ Action Plan:

Traffic

- Slow down traffic.
- Protect students/pedestrians.
- Manage cut through traffic.

Neighborhood Lighting

- Increase levels of lighting in the neighborhood
- Insure that lighting is attractive.

Mailboxes

- Keep mailboxes at the door.
- Understand the process for moving boxes.
- Spread the word and educate neighbors about the desire to keep boxes at the doors.

Central Location and Encroachment Issues

- Prevent encroachment from Fielder Rd. Baptist Church, AISD, apartments, etc.
- Obtain Historic designation to prevent changes of land use.
- Need to minimize impacts of adjacent land uses such as noise, traffic, etc.

Street Sweeping

- Improve the neighborhood appearance by having the streets swept more frequently.
- Improve storm water drainage by keeping the drains clear of leaves and debris.

Church Relations

- Establish reliable communication between neighborhood churches and residents.
- Monitor the effects of church expansion on the neighborhood quality.

Peacefulness and Serenity

- Maintain the neighborhood's peacefulness and quiet.
- Maintain and protect the aesthetics of the neighborhood (trees).

Property Maintenance

- Create and maintain a well-kept neighborhood with a pleasing appearance.

Drainage

- Insure that stormwater drainage is channeled appropriately and that flooding is prevented.

Low Water Pressure

- Increase pressure to low pressure areas
- Insure that pressure is strong enough to allow residents to run two appliances at the same time.
- Insure that pressure is strong enough to support sprinkler systems.

Crime Prevention and Safety

- Reduce crime in the neighborhood.

Pool, Recreation, and Parks

- Insure that Howard Moore Park's shallow water pool is built and maintained and lobby the Bond Committee to include a deep water pool in the future.
- We need a beautiful pool and park.
- Give Howard Moore Park a face-lift and promote the park.

Sense of Community

- Neighbors need to get to know one another better to promote general awareness, knowledge, and understanding of each other and of the neighborhood issues.

The objectives and action items associated with each goal provide a framework for future decisions affecting the neighborhood. It is recognized that many of the recommended action items contained in the plan are conceptual only and may need to be analyzed in greater detail, both individually and in relationship to other recommended action items. Objectives are not necessarily listed in priority order.

The wording in this plan reflects the opinions of the participants, not necessarily the opinion of the City of Arlington. Implementation of the plan will ultimately rest with the South Davis Neighbors Association.

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The South Davis neighbors action planning area is located approximately one mile south of Arlington's historic downtown. The neighborhood is bounded on the north by Park Row, on the east by South Cooper Street, on the south by Pioneer Parkway and on the west by Fielder Road.

LAND USE

The predominant land use and zoning in the neighborhood is single family, with a few business and institutional uses interspersed. The majority of the homes in the neighborhood were constructed prior to the 1950's.



The neighborhood offers a diverse mix of land use including housing, from large ranch home on oversized lots to charming cottages with exceptional curb appeal to apartment complexes with unmatched community services, with institutional, office and commercial land uses along the perimeter. Together these land uses form a community that is balanced and desirable for all residents.

Two churches are located within the neighborhood boundaries, Fielder Road Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church. There are two schools within the boundaries, Arlington High School and South Davis Elementary.



Renovation of existing homes and businesses offer the greatest opportunity for development in the neighborhood.

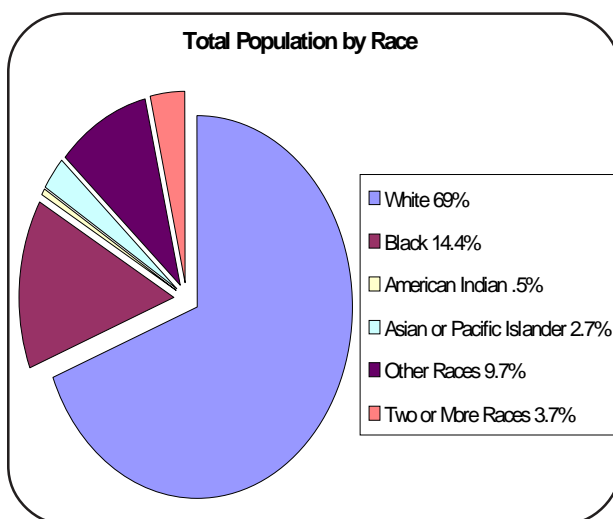
DEVELOPMENT

The redevelopment and revitalization of the retail areas surrounding the neighborhood offer the greatest potential for future commercial development. Renovation of an existing home or infill housing offers the best opportunities for residential development.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The information gathered from census material was comparable to information gathered from the neighborhood survey. Of some 1200 households in the planning area who received surveys by mail, a total of 216 were returned for a participation rate of 18%.

Demographic analysis of the neighborhood (based on the Census 2000 tract 1227, which perfectly aligns with the neighborhood boundaries) showed there to be 5848 persons residing in the neighborhood. This figure is up from the total population of the 1990 census, when 4712 persons resided in the neighborhood for a 24.1% rate of growth. The median age of the residents in the South Davis Neighbors area is 30.4 years. Over seventy-four percent (74.5%) of the persons residing in the neighborhood are over eighteen (18) years old and almost fourteen percent (13.8%) are over 62 years old. There are an estimated 2641 housing units in the neighborhood. Thirty-eight percent (38%) of all housing units are owner occupied in the neighborhood. With a 94.8% occupancy rate (5.2% vacancy), and at least 34% of the neighborhood homes having only one resident, the neighborhood still maintained an average household size of 2.31 persons. This suggests that many homes (over 58%) are occupied by families with children. Nineteen percent (19%) of the households have individuals over 65 years of age residing within.



This graph depicts the racial composition of the total population of the neighborhood. The estimate for Hispanic Origin (of any race) was 18.5%.

Traffic

Goals:

- Slow down traffic
- Protect students and pedestrians
- Manage cut through traffic

Background:

Over the years, the South Davis neighborhood has been experiencing increasing levels of traffic on the residential streets in the neighborhood. Many residents attribute this to increasing enrollment at Arlington High School and South Davis Elementary, the growing congregation at Fielder Road Baptist Church and to the ever increasing congestion on South Cooper Street.

When asked if they had concerns about traffic in the neighborhood survey, sixty-four percent (64%) of the respondents said that they were concerned about traffic. While traffic volume is an important concern, most of the residents are concerned with traffic speed, the associated noise that comes from increased volumes of traffic and with the



Traffic on South Davis has increased over the years, leading to undesirable noise levels and unsafe traffic patterns throughout the neighborhood.

possible expansion of streets in this established neighborhood.

Objectives:

- Form a committee to look at traffic concerns in the neighborhood
 - Inventory problem traffic areas. 0
 - Work with area businesses to encourage employees and patrons to use arterial streets, not residential streets. 7
 - Need to limit access or close Fielder Road Baptist Church parking lot exit onto Wren.
 - Stay in contact with the neighborhood schools to work toward solving traffic concerns. 1
 - Encourage personnel from the school administration offices to use arterial streets rather than cutting through neighborhood.
 - Educate neighbors on the traffic problems and possible solutions. 0
 - Encourage car-pooling. 0
 - Work with the City to use traffic calming means where they are needed and will be most effective. 2
 - Investigate traffic calming devices (bumps, humps, chicanes, signs) 26
 - Perform traffic counts in the neighborhood. 2
 - Influence the City not to widen the streets. 11
 - Stay in contact with City hall to keep them informed of traffic concerns. 0
 - There are no sidewalks – the pedestrians need a safe place to walk.
 - Work with police to increase traffic patrols in the neighborhood. 9
 - Use neighborhood volunteers to spot violators and report them. 2
 - Work with the City to lower the posted speed limits and to increase fines for speeding. 0

Neighborhood Lighting

Goals:

- Increase levels of lighting in the neighborhood
- Insure that lighting is done in an attractive manner

Background:

As is the case in many older neighborhoods, the South Davis neighborhood struggles with neighborhood lighting. As trees have matured, street lights have been blocked or diminished by branches. This leads to dark pockets in the neighborhood that are unsettling for residents. These dark pockets create undesirable opportunities for crime and are safety hazards when walkers or runners are less visible.



Street lights often compete with mature tree canopies in established neighborhoods leading to dark streets and an increased opportunity for crime.

In order to address these needs the neighborhood residents feel that a partnership must be struck between the residents and the City of Arlington to increase neighborhood lighting while still preserving the attractive appearance of the neighborhood.

Objectives:

- Inventory dark areas. 0
- Determine city standards on number of streetlights. 7
 - Replace old lights with brighter and more attractive (color and fixtures) lights. 15
 - Work with the City to obtain illuminated and/or reflective street signs. 0



Motion detectors are an energy efficient way to increase lighting. Another option is using florescent bulbs in porch lights, which provide comparable light at a fraction of the energy cost of regular bulbs.

- Work with the City to insure that lanes of traffic are clearly marked and well illuminated. 0
- Educate neighbors on the benefits of lighting for safety. 0
 - Encourage neighbors to use porch lights and motion detectors to increase light. 12
 - Trim trees blocking lighting. 0
 - Investigate ways to encourage reflective clothing for walkers and runners to increase safety. 0

Mailboxes

Goals:

- Keep mailboxes at the door.
- Understand the process for moving boxes.
- Spread the word and educate neighbors about the process involved and the desire to keep mailboxes at the doors.

Background:

In late 2001, several residents received postcards from the US Post Office inquiring about the possibility of relocating their mailboxes from the front porches to the curbside to ease the delivery of the mail. This neighborhood is one of the few in Arlington that still receive mail at the door, and residents feel that to be one of the nice qualities of living in the neighborhood. Residents also feel that the addition of mailboxes at the curb would detract from the curb appeal of the neighborhood, provide increased opportunity for mail theft or tampering, and be a hardship on the many older residents living in the neighborhood. Therefore, residents hope to work toward ensuring that delivery continues at the door.

Objectives:

- Cultivate a relationship with USPS to stay in close contact. 18
 - Start investigating USPS policies. 8
- Market the position of the neighbors. 0
 - Start news/e-mail/phone campaign about mailbox issue to encourage a strong response to surveys, postcards, etc asking for input from residents. 5
 - Develop pro's and con's list for keeping the mailbox at the door. 3



Receiving mail at the door is a service that neighborhood residents value greatly.

Central Location and Encroachment Issues

Goals:

- Prevent encroachment from Fielder Road Baptist Church, AISD, apartments, etc.
- Work toward Historic designation to prevent changes of land use
- Need to minimize impacts of adjacent land uses such as noise, traffic, etc.

Background:

The South Davis Neighborhood enjoys one of the most central locations in Arlington. Proximity to local institutions of higher learning, City government offices, the Central Library, the historic downtown district, and major highways, interstates, and freeways provide convenience for residents.



As Fielder Road Baptist Church continues to expand, the area between homes and the church decreases. This leads to some concern for residents when traffic and noise levels increase.

Central location also has its problems, though. Proximity to one of Arlington's largest churches (Fielder Road Baptist Church), the Arlington Independent School District Administrative Offices, the South Davis Elementary School campus, and the Arlington High School campus all pose the



South Davis Elementary School is experiencing a boom in enrollment. As space becomes tighter, the district has installed portable buildings to meet the increased need for space. These modifications to the site are a concern for the residents in the neighborhood.

potential for encroachment (ie, these organizations expanding their campuses) into the residential areas of the neighborhood.

Encroachment is a concern for most residents since it disturbs the integrity of the established neighborhood. This usually is accompanied by changes in the aesthetics of the areas surrounding the neighborhood and could possibly lead to a loss of property values.



Even though expansions of the athletic field at Arlington High School have been well landscaped and designed, there is still some concern over the continual creep of school property into the neighborhood and the resulting noise and traffic that results from those expansions.

Objectives:

- Form subcommittee to follow land use.
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 - Inventory areas where encroachment is occurring.
 - Establish means of communication with the neighbors regarding new developments. 0
 - Follow land use plans and provide input from South Davis Neighbors. 0
 - Establish way of dispersing notification for zoning and land use changes through the neighborhood. 1
- Determine validity of street masterplans.
7
 - Insure that streets are not widened.
 - Determine neighborhood goals for local streets. 5
- Establish communications with Fielder Road Baptist Church to discuss plans for expansion. 4
- Establish communications with AISD on school future plans. 3
 - Investigate school redistricting. 0
- Make sure that future encroachment doesn't remove trees. 0
- Investigate buffers to ease transition between land uses. 1
- Develop objectives for achieving Historic designation.

Street Sweeping

Goal:

- Improve the neighborhood appearance by having the streets swept more frequently.
- Improve storm water drainage by keeping the drains clear of leaves and debris.

Background:

Because the tree canopy in the South Davis neighborhood is so mature and lush, the neighborhood often faces a challenge when



With so many mature trees in the area, the neighborhood faces an unusual challenge when trying to maintain a clean street.

trying to maintain a clean roadway. This effort is also a challenge due to the proximity of two schools, several retail centers and apartment complexes, and one of the most heavily traveled roadways in Arlington (S. Cooper Street).

Currently, the City of Arlington maintains a street sweeping program for all streets in Arlington. Although major intersections are swept bi-monthly, residential streets are swept on a complaint basis by “section”.

(There are 12 “sections” for street maintenance in the City of Arlington.) Since the funding for a recent proposal to increase the number of street sweepings was eliminated when the revenues from the street maintenance fee were lower than expected, residential streets will continue to be swept on a complaint based system (by section).

This can create long periods of time in which debris and leaves accumulate in the streets. Since property values can be directly related to neighborhood appearance, it is important for residents of the neighborhood to make every effort to not only maintain the homes and yards in the neighborhood, but also the public rights of way (streets and alleys) surrounding their home.

Objective:

- Determine City and resident responsibility for keeping streets clean from debris and leaves. 15
 - Establish regular street cleaning schedule and notify residents of upcoming dates. 18
 - Encourage City to keep the sweepers maintained and working and to keep personnel levels high so that regular sweeping schedules can be maintained.
 - Have leaves and trimmings picked up regularly.
 - Host a community service day to clean up the streets and leaves.
 - Educate neighbors on the importance of not blowing leaves into drains. 8
- Support the new leaf-recycling program.
- Contact the EPA regarding drainage pollution concerns.

Church Relations

Goals:

- Establish reliable communication between neighborhood churches and residents.
- Monitor the effects of church expansion on the neighborhood quality.

Background:

The South Davis neighborhood boundaries encompass one of Arlington's largest congregations, Fielder Road Baptist Church. As the church has grown, the neighborhood has encountered increased traffic congestion, surface and storm water drainage problems, noise from special events and an increasing concern for the aesthetic value of expansion projects occurring in such close proximity to the residences along Columbine, Wren, and Tulip Streets.



Fielder Road Baptist Church is located in the southwestern corner of the neighborhood at the intersection of Fielder Road and Pioneer Parkway.



Calvary Baptist Church is located at the south end of Davis Street just north of Pioneer Parkway.

There are several other churches around the perimeter of the neighborhood. Celebration Worship Center, Arlington Presbyterian Church, Cornerstone Community Church, and Arlington First Church of the Nazarene on Pioneer Parkway are just south of the neighborhood boundary. Just north of the neighborhood boundary, Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, University Baptist Church, Park Row Church of Christ, and Grace Community Church are located along Park Row. Within the neighborhood, on south Davis Street, there is the small, but expanding Calvary Baptist Church. Effort to establish good communication and relationships with these congregations should be made.

Residents are concerned that communication between the neighborhood and the churches has been sporadic, at best. Members hope to improve communication and coordination between South Davis Neighbors and the administration and boards of the area churches in an effort to insure that the future plans of all organizations are considered when major decisions are made.



Even though there has been some friction between the neighborhood residents and Fielder Road Baptist Church in the past, there are also numerous opportunities for partnerships between the two organizations.

Objectives:

- Meet with the churches to address specific concerns, asking particularly to be informed of any expansion projects before applications are made to the city for permits, zoning, etc. 21
- Invite church representatives to neighborhood meetings. 7
- Determine alternate traffic routes for parishioners to preserve the tranquility of residential streets. 5
- Address parking concerns and parking lot design and maintenance. 1
- Request that churches meet with neighborhood representatives during planning stages of special events or programs. 0
 - Collaboratively participate in special events when appropriate. 1
- Organize public relations campaigns as needed to inform residents of upcoming expansion projects, meetings, or special events. 0
- Determine optimal traffic control during services, programs, and events. 0

Peacefulness and Serenity

Goals:

- Maintain neighborhood peacefulness and quiet
- Maintain and protect the aesthetics of the neighborhood (trees)

Background:

One of the qualities listed most often in the neighborhood survey when residents were asked to name what they most liked about their neighborhood, was the beauty and serenity of the neighborhood: the peaceful, shady, tree lined streets; the serenity; and the old-fashioned feeling of the neighborhood. As one drives through the



The tree lined streets of the South Davis Neighbors area contribute to the overall feelings of peacefulness and serenity.

streets of the South Davis neighborhood, there is a feeling of nostalgia and an ambiance of days gone by. This atmosphere is difficult to quantify, but it is a very real characteristic in the minds of residents and visitors alike, and something that the neighborhood association would like to see preserved. Efforts to identify the objectives by which to achieve this goal focuses on three elements: noise, trees, and controlling the “hustle and bustle” of the City.



Tree care is an important goal of the neighborhood action plan. The mature trees in the neighborhood are a valuable resource and much care should be taken to insure that as these trees age, they are protected and cared for as resources.

Objectives:

- Control traffic. 17 (for details, see previous section: Traffic and Transportation, page 10)
- Renovate Howard Moore Park's children's area to provide a central area for children to play. 15
- Influence the City not to widen neighborhood streets (which would allow faster, louder traffic). 11
- Keep the trees and shrubs healthy. 6
 - Increase tree preservation efforts.
 - Tighten standards for tree preservation.



Adjacent school yards contribute to the excessive noise sometimes experienced in the neighborhood.



- Reduce excessive noise sources—UTA stadium speakers, outdoor events, speeding cars, etc. 5
 - Build buffer zones (eg. Landscaped areas, fences, walls) on the perimeter of neighborhood.
 - Educate neighbors and surrounding businesses, schools, churches, and apartments on the value of neighborhood peacefulness and on ordinance requirements.
 - Work with UTA to decrease noise from the stadium's public address (PA) system.
 - Discourage traffic generating businesses from locating near the neighborhood area.
 - Notify residents of new construction around the neighborhood.
- Implement and enforce a neighborhood watch program to help enforce the noise ordinances. 0

Property Maintenance

Goal:

- Create and maintain a well-kept neighborhood with a pleasing appearance.

Background:

In any aging neighborhood, property maintenance is one of the key concerns of many residents. This is also true in the South Davis neighborhood. Thirty-eight percent (38%) of survey respondents said that property maintenance was their biggest concern.

Although the neighborhood has not experienced significant deterioration at this time, residents are concerned that if even a few homes are not maintained, a detrimental domino effect will one day lead to decreasing property values throughout the neighborhood. Therefore, it is important that efforts be made to preserve the high quality of property maintenance and home values by educating citizens throughout the neighborhood.



Residents hope to insure that neighborhood maintenance continues and that property values continue to increase.



Education is the key to insuring that City codes are followed and that properties are well maintained.

Objectives:

- Inform residents of city codes on property maintenance.
 - Assure that code enforcement requirements exist and are enforced for common violations such as trash, abandoned vehicles, outdoor storage of indoor furniture, unmowed lawns with high weeds or untrimmed landscaping that interferes with traffic visibility and street lighting, etc.
 - Maintain paint on homes.
 - Encourage residents to park their cars in the driveways, rather than on the street to increase curb appeal.
- Encourage residents to keep their yards free from litter.
 - Educate residents about trash out too early.

Residential garbage may be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 pm on the evening before the collection day.



- Encourage residents to use ammonia on trash bags to prevent animals digging in it.
- Remove recycling bins from the curb after they are collected.
- Encourage the city to work with the neighborhood toward a leaf recycling and collection program.
 - Educate residents about keeping the gutters free from leaves.
 - Have Arlington High School students do community service helping the elderly pick up leaves.
- Make sure that trees are maintained in healthy manner.
 - Remove dead trees from properties.
 - Plant one tree for every tree removed from the neighborhood.
 - Make sure that future utility operations don't damage existing trees.



Community Service projects might include adding landscaping beds at major intersections throughout the neighborhood to improve the overall appearance of the neighborhood.

- Develop a subcommittee to organize neighborhood cleanups and provide assistance for residents who have trouble maintaining their properties.
 - Organize neighborhood assistance for those who are elderly or low income to assist with yard care and upkeep.
 - Find ways to approach residents tactfully for assistance.
 - Use arbitration/mediation to help settle disputes about neighborhood maintenance.
 - Host a community service project with youth and residents to clean up the neighborhood.



By viewing this home in photos taken in winter and in spring, it is possible to see the dramatic improvement that landscaping plays in the appearance of a home.

Drainage

Goal:

- Insure that stormwater drainage is channeled appropriately and that flooding is prevented.

Background:

As in many residential neighborhoods in Arlington, stormwater runoff in the South Davis neighborhood is channeled through the streets to a number of drains that connect to the City's stormwater system. As the neighborhood has aged and more development has taken place along the periphery of the neighborhood, runoff from paved areas has increased the volume of drainage, leading to an increasing flooding problem for many residents. This problem has been intensified by the fact that the mature tree canopy in this established neighborhood sheds an unusually large amount of leaves in the fall, clogging stormwater drains and leading to a less than optimal drainage collection system in an already overburdened system.



In order to insure that the drainage systems in the neighborhood work efficiently to avoid flooding, it is important to make sure that the creeks and drainage channels are kept clean and free of debris, limbs, leaves, and litter.

Objectives:

- Create a neighborhood drainage committee.
 - Inventory drainage problem areas.
 - Make sure runoff is channeled to existing storm drains.
 - Submit a list of problem areas to City for remediation.
 - Request a storm water drainage study for problematic areas.
 - Make sure that roads (which serve as drainage channels) are in good shape without potholes or areas of disrepair that could hinder drainage.
 - Make sure that ponding is eliminated before insects can breed.
 - There are 34 drains on Cooper between Division and Inwood but only 1 from Park Row/Davis/Inwood/Sesco. There is a need to add more storm drains to the existing system in this area.
- Review impact of recent developments on the drainage in the neighborhood to make sure that future developments do not further impact the area.
 - Should Fielder Road Baptist Church expand, insure that drainage and run-off levels will not be increased.
 - Meet with the City and with AISD about drainage problems in order to create partnerships for long-term solutions.
- Educate neighborhood residents on ways they can improve drainage for the neighborhood.
 - Keep the creeks clean and free of debris for better drainage.
 - Keep the drains free of leaves for most efficient drainage.
 - Control erosion from drainage behind houses on Tucker and Mockingbird.

Low Water Pressure

Goal:

- Increase water pressure to low pressure areas.
- Insure that pressure is strong enough to allow residents to run two appliances at the same time.
- Insure that pressure is strong enough to support sprinkler systems.

Background:

During the neighborhood strategy session, several residents mentioned having problems with water pressure, especially in the area between Cooper and Davis Streets. Although many of the residents were not aware of any problem, discussion with those who are experiencing the problem led to a general consensus that the association needs to explore the cause of the situation to ensure that this does not become a concern for the entire neighborhood over time. It was generally agreed that if the problem is within the individual properties, the goal would be removed from the neighborhood action plan.

Those residents who spoke during the session expressed frustration with not being



Water pressure in some areas of the neighborhood is often too low to operate sprinkler systems.

able to operate two water faucets simultaneously, having been advised not to invest in an automatic sprinkler system due to lack of pressure to operate it, and concern that the pressure to the fire hydrants might also be lower than necessary in those areas.

Objectives:

- Select committee to head up task force.
 - Locate problem areas, generate list.
 - Request that the City water department evaluate the cause of low water pressure to residences in the area; determine if cause is due to inadequate size of city pipes furnishing water supply (City responsibility) or deterioration of lines from the homes (private responsibility).
 - Submit list of concerns with City utility lines to City.
 - Replace City pipes if they are causing pressure problems.
 - Upgrade the City pump if it is causing the pressure problems.
 - Investigate price break options for multiple projects within the neighborhood to upgrade lines from the homes or individual plumbing problems.
 - Develop a suggested service provider list for neighborhood residents to use when contacting repair companies.
 - Discuss alternatives that might alleviate pressure problems, such as conservation, alternate watering schedules, etc.
 - Conduct an audit on a regular basis to monitor new and unsolved issues.

Note: Please turn to the back of the book to the descriptions of committees to find the appropriate neighborhood contact if you are experiencing water pressure problems.

Crime Prevention and Safety

Goal:

- Reduce crime in the neighborhood

Background:

Crime prevention and safety are concerns in any neighborhood. In the South Davis Neighbors area, residents have been fortunate to enjoy a relatively low crime rate for many years. However, in recent years, several incidences have led to an increasing concern for the safety of residents. Several areas of the neighborhood have experienced a rash of auto burglaries, residential burglaries, and mail theft, among other things. Residents hope to propose ways to prevent crime before it becomes a major concern in the neighborhood, thus preserving a high quality of life for the residents.

Objectives:

- Form an active neighborhood crime watch with lighting at night, visible signs, and good participation with patrols from community.
 - When crimes occur find a consistent way to alert the community.
 - Ask the Arlington Police Department to attend regular neighborhood meetings to present periodic updates on neighborhood crime rates.
 - Post signs to inform citizens that a crime has taken place. Give citizens a phone number to call. An answering machine would tell citizens what happened, what to watch out for, and describe the suspected perpetrator.
 - Call or otherwise notify each other of any thefts or criminal activities.
 - Include crime information in the newsletter.

- Educate residents on how to protect themselves and their homes.
 - Provide information on alarm companies.
 - Encourage neighbors to be alert to unusual activities.
 - Use dogs to help alert citizens and deter crime.



One neighborhood resident is already employing a variety of safety measures suggested in this section.

- Increase awareness of vacant houses during the daytime.
- Get as many neighbors involved as possible. Only you can improve the safety in your area.
- Improve lighting (see previous discussion, page 9).
 - Encourage use of motion detector lights at each home.
 - Initiate an “every other house, every other night” program to leave the front porch lights on at homes in the neighborhood.
- Increase the number of “safe houses” that have been pre-approved by the neighbors. A “safe house” is a home that displays a special sign (provided by the police department) in a front window or door so that children can easily find help or an adult when needed.
- Work hand in hand with police.
 - Get police to increase patrols.
- Work to increase the sense of community (see later discussion, page 27).

Pool, Recreation, and Parks

Goal:

- Insure that Howard Moore Park's shallow water pool is built and maintained. Lobby the Bond Committee to include a deep water pool in the future.
- We need a beautiful pool and park
- Give Howard Moore Park a face-lift and promote the park.



After much grassroots organizing and effort, the group was successful in persuading City officials to set aside funds to replace the pool with a shallow water park for children. Although the efforts did not save the complete swimming facility (but resulted in a compromise for the shallow water facility), the group was successful in many ways. By raising public awareness, beginning an organization that was to become South Davis Neighbors, and in opening channels of communication with City leaders the neighborhood's efforts will, no doubt, serve the long term interests of the neighborhood well.

Background:

The South Davis Neighbors area is fortunate to have Howard Moore Park located within its boundaries. This park encompasses over ten (10) acres of open space, with picnic facilities, playground equipment, tennis courts, and one of only six (6) public pools in Arlington. In 2000, the City of Arlington proposed the closure of the public pool, citing disrepair and expense of renovation and operation as the primary reasons. Residents of the neighborhood formed a "Save the Pool" organization to raise public awareness of the situation and to petition elected officials to save the pool.



These photos show the progress being made at the location of the Howard Moore Park Water Playscape.

Objectives:

- Form a pool committee or reactivate old committee.
 - Keep neighbors active and informed about pool happenings.



Many residents are members of the “Friends of Howard Moore Park” organization and demonstrate their affiliation with yard signs.

- Improve citizen communication.
 - Organize events to attract neighborhood residents into the park.
 - Foster a cooperative effort among the school, city, and neighborhood association for operation and maintenance of the pool located in Howard Moore Park.
 - Encourage night activities for safety.
 - Find additional funding.
 - Contact local businesses for sponsorship.
 - Seek sponsors that can display advertising at the pool or allow vendors to sell goods with a percentage back to the pool.
 - Privatize pool – those who use the pool, pay for it.
 - Create a sense of responsibility within the City.
- Promote neighborhood parks – increase signs, education material, etc.
 - Increase park security.
 - Develop programs and activities for the young people.
 - Improvements are needed for inner city parks.
 - Build a walk, exercise, jogging, biking trail around the park.
 - Resurface the tennis courts at Howard Moore Park.
 - Rebuild the parking lot in the park.
 - Install more lighting in the park.
 - Need to build a wall to define the boundary of the apartments and park (rock or concrete).



The current signs for Howard Moore park are small and difficult to see. Residents hope that better signage will increase the usage of this facility.

Sense of Community

Goal:

- Neighbors need to get to know one another better to promote general awareness, knowledge, and understanding of each other and of the neighborhood issues.

Background:

When asked about their favorite aspect of the neighborhood in the neighborhood survey, the second highest response was the friendly, caring neighbors and strong sense of community that exists in the neighborhood. This item also ranked third in the strengths identification exercise at the neighborhood strategy session. A strong sense of community is often characterized by a familiarity with one's neighbors, concern for one another's well being and safety, friendliness, pride in one's surroundings, and the ability to identify with those around you.

Because the success of many of the efforts outlined in the South Davis neighborhood plan will depend on effectively using and



A strong sense of community contributes to the overall strength of the neighborhood.

improving the sense of community in the neighborhood, it is important that this item be given sufficient attention and effort during the initial stages of the implementation phase of the plan.

Objectives:

- Organize a block captain system for each block, street, quarter, and neighborhood.
- Form a subcommittee to investigate and manage ways to communicate with neighbors.
 - Create a neighborhood directory.
 - Create telephone "trees". These are communication networks.
 - Make and distribute newsletters.
 - Use e-mail/website to "get the word out" quickly when the association needs to get information to the residents.
- Organize a welcome wagon committee to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood.
 - Get information to and from block captains.
 - Get donations from area businesses to welcome residents.
- Start a "honk and wave" campaign for neighbors to be friendly to each other.
 - Give residents a sticker for their cars/homes that shows that they support SDN.
- Form a subcommittee to handle social activities for the neighborhood.
 - Host neighborhood projects such as beautification efforts, cleanups, charitable events, etc.
 - Organize a neighborhood festival.
 - Host a day in the park.
 - Host mixers for residents.
 - Support and organize block parties.

Appendix A

South Davis Neighbors Neighborhood Action Plan

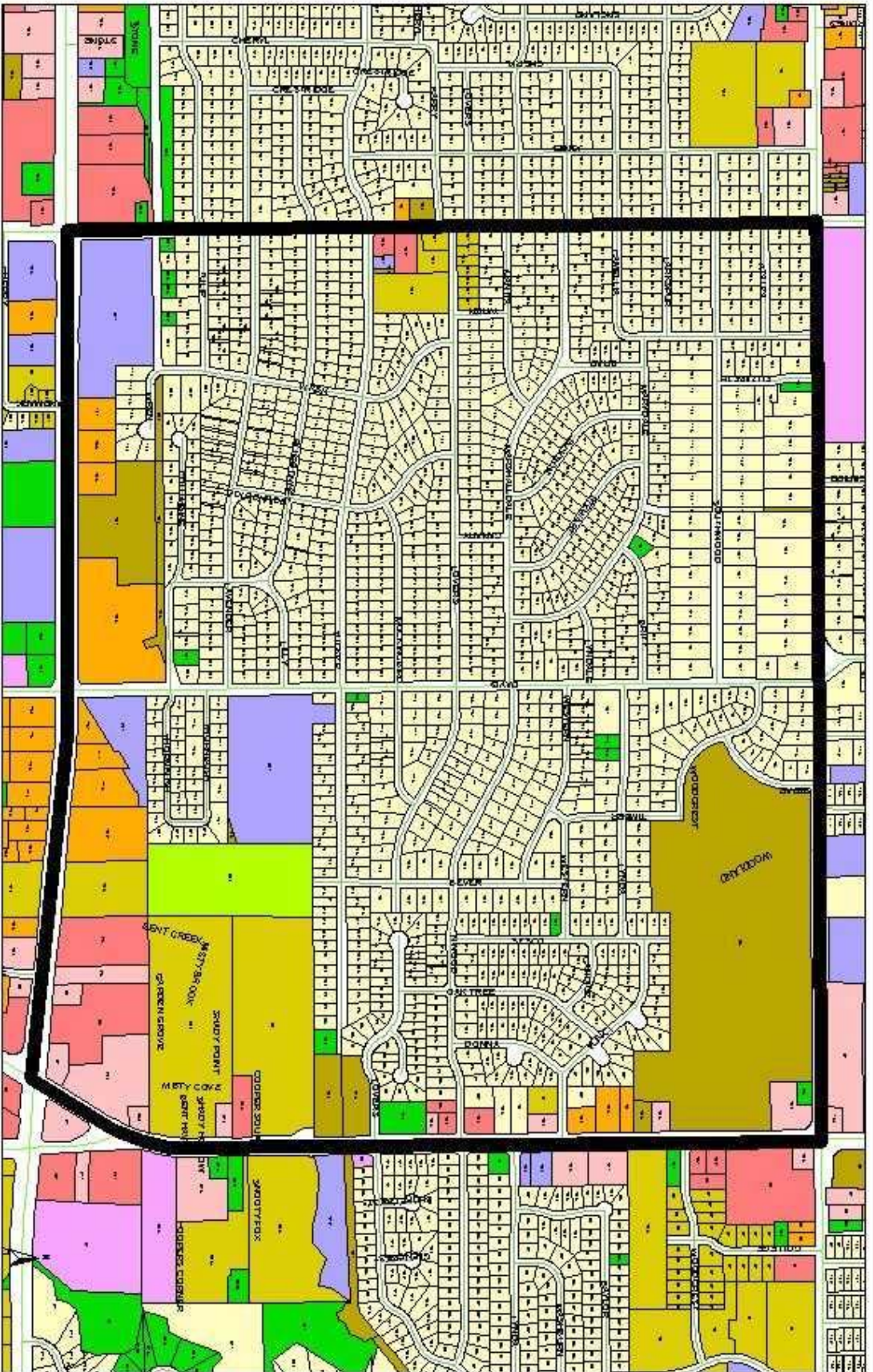
Neighborhood Maps



Legend
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South Davis Landuse

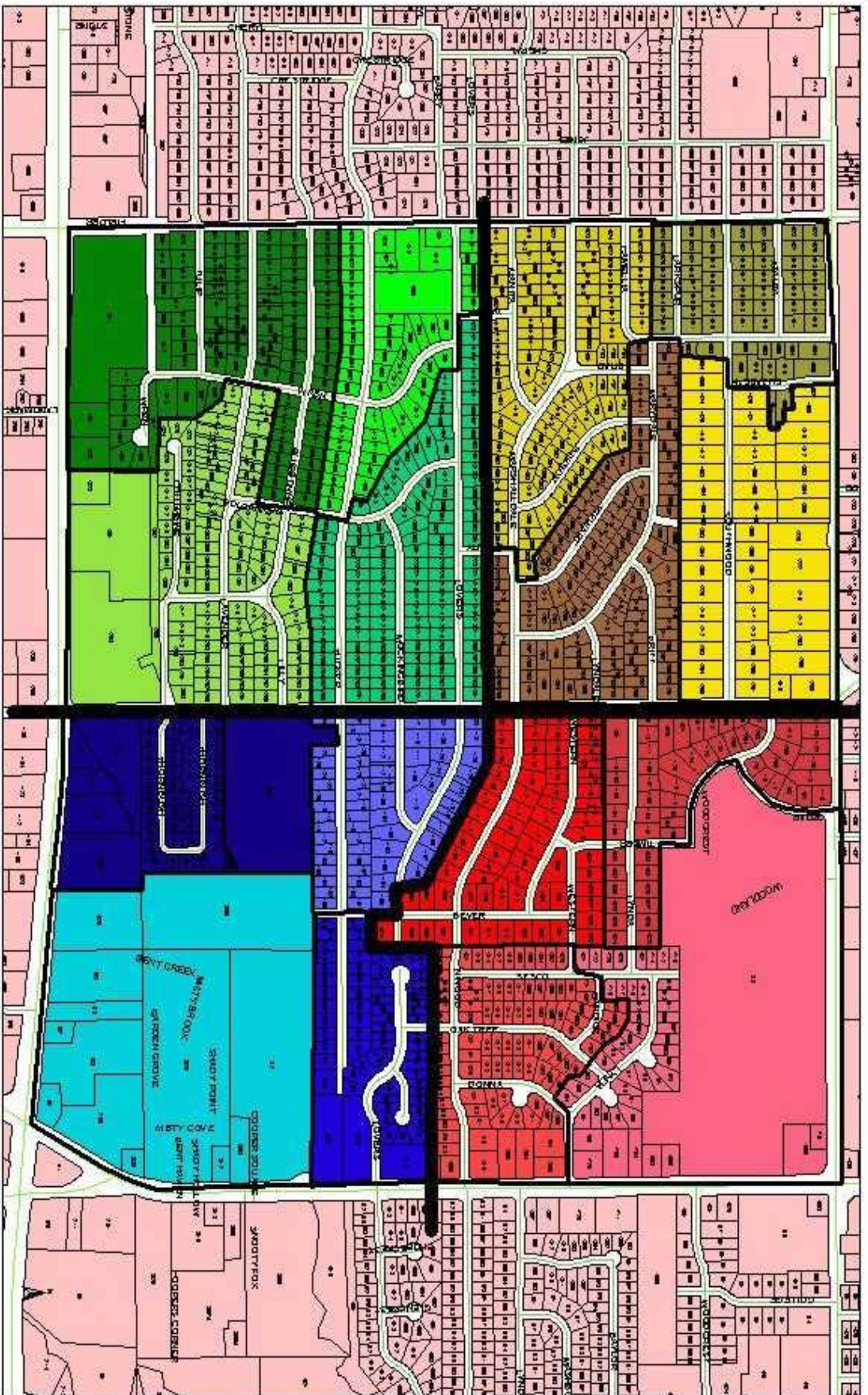
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South Davis Block Groups

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Appendix B

*South Davis Neighbors
Neighborhood Action Plan*

*Listing of
Strengths
and
Weaknesses*

Strengths

Native Trees / Trees	26
Mailboxes on Homes	21
Neighbors Watch Out For Each Other	21
Central Location	20
Stability of Ownership - Longterm	15
Quiet	13
Increasing Home Values	12
The Fire Department is Close	11
Generations of Families Live Here	9
Leaf Recycling Program	8
Mix of Older and Younger Families	8
Quaint, Old-fashioned	7
Minding Your Own Business	7
Walkers and Runners	6
People Are at Home During The Day	6
Neighborhood is Attached to the School	6
Neighborhood is Built Out	6
Proud of The Park and Pool	5
Pecans	4
Well Kept Yards	4
Well Run and Maintained Businesses	4
Owners Have Pride in Property	4
No Major Traffic Attracting Businesses	4
Different Socio-economics	3
Well Run Recycling Program	3
Safe Walking Paths to School	3
People Talk to Each Other	3
Concerned Citizens	3
Easy Access to Goods and Services	3
Close to UTA	2
Motorcycle Police	2
Schools (HS & SDE)	2
Isolated From Major Traffic	2
High Voter Turnout Rates	2
Historic / Architecture	1
Few Dead End Streets	1
Good Drainage	1
Diverse Professions	1
Lots of Children	1
Sidewalks	0
New Young Owners Moving In	0
Low Crime Rate	0
Streets Maintained	
Good Water / Sewage Maintenance	

Weaknesses

Excessive Vehicle Speeds	34
Need Better Lighting at Night	23
Lack of Street Sweeping	20
Fielder Road Baptist Church Encroachment	15
Water Pressure	11
Inadequate Street Drainage	11
Pool Closed For 3 summers	11
Break-ins	11
Bad Yards / Junk	9
Need Code Enforcement at Apartments	9
Neighborhood Children Transfer to Other Schools	9
Running Stop Signs	8
Unattended Children Crossing Cooper Street	7
Turn Lanes Not Adequate on Cooper	6
Relying on City to Solve Neighborhood Problems	6
Rats / Vermin / Birds	6
Fielder and S. Davis Should be Widened	6
Traffic From High School	6
Lack of Police Patrols - Increased Crime	5
Trash From High School	5
Poor Street Lighting	5
No Mass Transit	4
Shadowbrook and Section 8 Housing	3
Loose Animals	3
Streets Overcrowded with Parked Cars	3
Lack of Maintenance at Howard Moore Park	3
Loitering	2
Apartment Standards	2
Home Maintenance	2
Business Maintenance	2
Sidewalks/Pedestrian Access	2
Sex Offenders in Apartments near Schools	2
Need Brush Pick-up	2
Traffic Light Timing	2
P.A. at Stadium	2
Relation between City and School	2
Cooper Street is overloaded with Traffic	1
No Crossing Guard at Cooper/Cooper Square	1
Too Close to Educational Facilities	1
Lack of Volunteers	1
Trash Out Too Early	1
Kids Playing in Street	1
Dangerous Intersections (no 4 way stops)	1
Arlington #1 in Auto Theft	0
Location (Close to Shopping)	0

Weaknesses Continued...

Texas Climate (70 degree fluctuation in temp)	0
Telephone Poles are Close to Curbs	0
Not Stopping	0
Drugs	0
Golf Cart Driving at Night w/o Lights	0
Parking in the Yard	0
ADA Accessibility (lack of)	0
No Bike / Hiking Trails	0
Duplex Parking	0
Larger Schools	0
Do We Have a Warning Siren?	0
Traffic Problems from Fielder Road Baptist	0
Need More Parks	0

Appendix C

South Davis Neighbors

Neighborhood Action Plan

Description of Subcommittees

What Happens Next....

Now that the action planning process is complete, as many neighborhood residents and business representatives as possible are needed to serve on the committees that will implement the actions outlined in the South Davis Neighbors Action Plan. The following pages describe the committees and their mission. Please review the committees and find one or two that you would like to help with and then give the committee chair a call to sign up.

By working together, we can make sure that this neighborhood continues to be one of Arlington's finest places to live, work, and play.

The subcommittees are:



Block Captains Subcommittee

This subcommittee of the Sense of Community Committee will develop and implement a block captain hierarchy for the neighborhood. The subcommittee members will consist of the block captain coordinator, four quad-captains, sixteen block group leaders, and approximately 65 block representatives and their substitutes. This extensive network will be the backbone of all neighborhood communication. It is one of the most important positions in the effort to improve the neighborhood and build a sense of community and a safe neighborhood. This subcommittee is perfect for walkers, runners, pet owners, youth, elderly, moms, dads, etc. The work of this committee will involve distributing information to and from neighborhood residents and the association and should be one of the most rewarding positions if done correctly. If you like knowing the people living around your house and can walk to about 20 doors about once every 6 weeks, you are perfect for this important job!!!

*Please call Committee Chair: Becky Harrell, 817-861-4007
to volunteer to serve as a block captain on your street!*

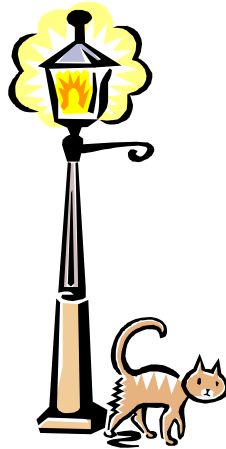


Traffic and Transportation Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison between the City of Arlington Transportation and Police Departments. The members of this committee will work to insure that neighborhood traffic does not negatively impact the quality of life for the residents. Efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Inventory problem traffic areas.
- Work with area businesses to encourage employees and patrons to use arterial streets, not residential streets.
- Work with members of the School Relations committee to address traffic issues related to the schools.
- Educate neighbors through the use of flyers, special speakers at neighborhood meetings, newsletter articles, etc. about neighborhood traffic problems and possible solutions like encouraging car pools, spotting and reporting violators, etc.
- Work with the City to install signs, lights, traffic calming devices (bumps, humps, chicanes, signs), and sidewalks; and to lower the posted speeds and increase fines for speeding in the neighborhood.
- Influence the City not to widen the streets.
- Work with police to increase traffic patrols in the neighborhood.

Contact Valerie Hart for more information about this committee: 817-276-9624



Neighborhood Lighting Committee

This committee will work to improve the level of lighting in the neighborhood. The members of the committee will work with the City of Arlington Streets Division to insure that the street light spacing meets current City standards, to replace any nonworking lights, and to add new lights where they are needed. The efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Inventory dark areas.
- Determine city standards on number of streetlights
- Work with the City of Arlington Streets Division to have old lights replaced with brighter and more attractive (color and fixtures) lights.
- Educate neighbors on the benefits of lighting for safety through the use of newsletter articles and special speakers at meetings.
- Encourage neighbors to use porch lights and motion detectors to increase lights.
- Work with the Neighborhood Maintenance committee to trim trees that block the lighting.
- Investigate ways to encourage reflective clothing for walkers and runners to increase safety.

Contact Sarah Jones for more information about this committee: 817-274-4754



Mailboxes Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison with the United States Postal Service (USPS). The members of the committee will work toward the goal of maintaining delivery of residents' mail at the door (as opposed to the curb). The efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Investigate the process for moving boxes and learn how to oppose it most effectively.
- Develop pro's and con's list for keeping the mailbox at the door.
- Spread the word and educate neighbors about the process and desire to keep boxes at the doors
- Cultivate a relationship with USPS to stay in close contact.

Contact Dianne Forsberg for more information about this committee: 817-265-2987



Land Use and Encroachment Committee

This committee will serve as a liaison between the neighborhood residents and the City of Arlington planning and zoning commission and planning department. The committee will work to prevent encroachment by non residential land uses and the negative impacts of adjacent land uses. These efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Inventory area where encroachment is occurring.
- Establish means of relaying information about zoning and development cases to the neighbors.
- Obtain Historic designation to prevent changes of land use.
- Minimize impacts of adjacent land uses such as noise, traffic, etc. through appropriate buffers, screening, etc.
- Work with the traffic committee to determine validity of street masterplans.
- Work through the church relations committee to establish communications with Fielder Road Baptist Church to discuss plans for expansion.
- Work through the School Relations committee to establish communications with AISD regarding school future plans.
- Work with the Neighborhood Maintenance committee to make sure that future encroachment doesn't remove trees.

Contact K.C. Bindel for more information about this committee: 817-548-9066



School Relations Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison with the schools. The members of this committee will establish good communication with the schools in and immediately around the neighborhood, including UTA. Efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Ensure that representatives from the schools are aware of neighborhood activities, meetings, etc.
- Ensure that neighborhood residents are aware of upcoming events, expansion projects, etc. that the schools have planned.
- Work with members of the Traffic committee as they work on traffic issues related to the schools.
- Work with members of the Land Use committee as they address expansion and encroachment issues related to the schools.
- Working to ensure that noises from special events at the schools do not negatively impact the neighborhood.

Contact Karen Giles for more information about this committee: 817-265-9271



Church Relations Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison with the churches. The members of this committee will work to establish good communication with the churches in and immediately around the neighborhood. Efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Working to ensure that representatives from the churches are aware of neighborhood activities, meetings, etc. and
- Working to ensure that neighborhood residents are aware of upcoming events, expansion projects, etc. that the church has planned.
- Coordinate with members of the traffic committee as they work on traffic issues related to the churches.
- Coordinate with members of the land use committee as they work on expansion and encroachment issues related to the churches.

Contact Christie Harris for more information about this committee: 817-795-4828



Neighborhood Maintenance Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison with the City of Arlington Code Enforcement Officers. Members of the committee will work to create and maintain a well-kept neighborhood with a pleasing appearance. Efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Inform residents of city codes on property maintenance and encourage residents to report code violations.
- Encourage residents to maintain their properties including paint on home trims, using appropriate parking spaces, keeping yards free from litter, efficient use of trash service, etc.
- Make sure that trees are maintained in a healthy manner.
- Develop a subcommittee to organize neighborhood cleanups and provide assistance for residents who have trouble maintaining their properties.



*Contact Dave McElwee for more information about
this committee: 817-795-2580*



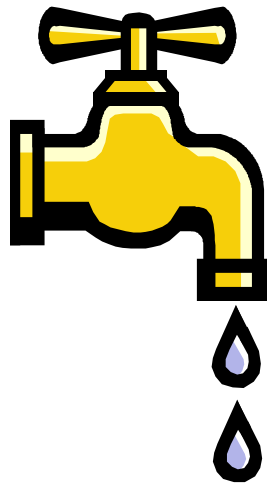


Drainage Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison for drainage issues in the neighborhood. The members of this committee will insure that communications with the City of Arlington Engineering Department and Streets Department are maintained to ensure optimal drainage in the neighborhood. Efforts of this committee will include, but are not limited to:

- Inventory the drainage problems in the neighborhood.
- Insure that streets are kept clean and drains are free of leaves and debris.
- Educate neighbors on ways to improve the drainage in the neighborhood through distribution of educational material, special speakers, and newsletter articles.
- Work with the land use and church relations committees to insure that future church expansions do not negatively impact the drainage situation.
- Work with the school relations committee to insure that future school activities and expansions do not negatively impact drainage.

Contact Debra Hagan for more information about this committee: 817-275-8937



Water Pressure Committee

This committee will investigate reports of problems with low water pressure in the neighborhood. The members of the committee will serve as a liaison with the City of Arlington Water Department. The efforts of the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Locate problem areas, generate list to submit to the City.
- Request that the City water department evaluate the cause of low water pressure to residences in the area; determine if cause is due to inadequate size of city pipes furnishing water supply (City responsibility) or deterioration of lines from the homes (private responsibility).
- Investigate price break options for multiple projects within the neighborhood to upgrade lines from the homes or for personal plumbing problems.
- Develop a suggested service provider list for neighborhood residents to use when contacting repair companies.
- Discuss alternatives that might alleviate pressure problems, such as conservation, alternate watering schedules, etc.
- Conduct an audit on a regular basis to monitor new and unsolved issues.

Contact Delcie Escott for more information about this subcommittee: 817-860-7046



Crime and Safety Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison with the Arlington Police Department. The members of the committee will work to ensure that efforts are being made to reduce the risk of crime and improve overall safety in the neighborhood. These efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Forming an active crimewatch structure.
- Organizing educational events, speakers, and printed material (like articles for the newsletter) for the purpose of helping residents prevent crime.
- Working with the neighborhood lighting committee to address darkness as it relates to crime.
- Working with the traffic committee to reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety.
- Work with the sense of community committee to organize and implement a block captain system for quick communication with all of the residents.

Contact Tom Wilson for more information about this subcommittee: 817-795-0958



Parks, Recreation, and Pool Committee

This committee will serve as the liaison with the City of Arlington Parks Department to insure that Howard Moore Park is well maintained and that improvements are progressing at a reasonable pace and in an acceptable manner. The members of the committee will promote and protect the park and insure that programming in the park meets the needs of the neighborhood residents. Efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Insure Howard Moore Park's shallow water pool is built and maintained.
- Work with the City of Arlington Parks Department to give Howard Moore Park a face-lift (installation of walk, exercise, jogging trails, and bike paths, resurfacing the tennis courts, redoing the parking lot, etc.).
- Keep neighbors active and informed about pool happenings and promote the parks – increase signs, education material, etc..
- Work with the Sense of Community committee to organize events to pull neighborhood residents into the park. (i.e. develop programs and activities for the young people, encourage night activities for safety, etc.).
- Find additional funding, through sponsorships, advertising, vendorships, cooperative maintenance agreements or even full or semi-privatization of the pool.
- Work with the Safety committee to increase park security.
- Work with the Neighborhood Lighting committee to get more lighting in the park.

Contact Pamela Webb for more information about this committee: 817-861-6581



Sense of Community Committee

This committee will work to improve the sense of community in the neighborhood. The members of the committee will work to increase the residents' familiarity with one's neighbors, concern for one another's well being and safety, friendliness, pride in one's surroundings, and the ability to identify with those around you. Efforts will include, but are not limited to:

- Organize a block captain system for each block, street, quarter, and neighborhood.
- Form subcommittees to investigate and manage ways to communicate with neighbors through a directory, telephone tree, newsletter, and website/e-mail
- Organize a Welcome Wagon Committee to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood
- Form a subcommittee to get donations from area businesses to welcome residents and arrange for refreshments at neighborhood meetings and events.
- Start a "honk and wave" campaign for neighbors to be friendly to each other
- Handle all social activities for the association.

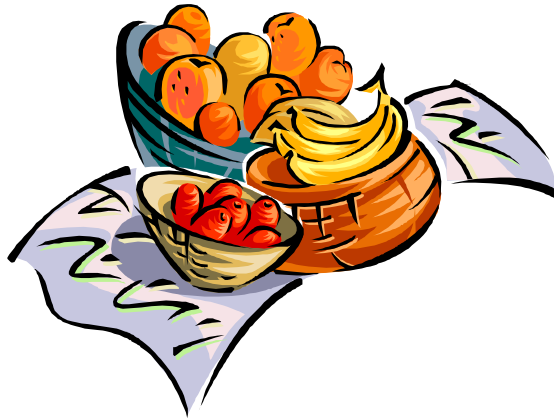
Contact Julianna Farmer for more information about this committee: 817-275-7925



Newsletter Subcommittee

This subcommittee of the Sense of Community Committee will write, edit, and publish a periodic newsletter for the neighborhood. The newsletter will be an important means of communicating with all of the neighborhood residents about the business of the association, special events that are coming up, educational material from the various committees, etc. This subcommittee is good for someone who has limited time and who is proficient with a computer.

Contact Tom Wilson for more information about this committee: 817-795-0958



Refreshment & Sponsors Subcommittee

This subcommittee of the Sense of Community Committee will establish good relationships with area businesses and to keep them informed of the progress the association is making. The members of the subcommittee will work with area businesses to get door prizes, refreshments, and other items for neighborhood parties, meetings, etc. This helps to build relationships with the businesses and serves as a means for making the neighborhood events as pleasant as possible while supporting local businesses.

Contact Teresa Sullivan for more information about this committee: 817-460-6387



Telephone Subcommittee

This subcommittee of the Sense of Community committee will work to implement the phone tree within the neighborhood. This effort will include the creation of the Neighborhood Directory. The directory and the phone tree are ways to quickly get information to the residents through phone calls. This subcommittee is perfect for someone who might be unable to attend meetings or work on outdoor projects, but who still wants to play an important role in neighborhood communication.

Please contact Monkie Fincher for more information about this committee: 817-861-3321

Appendix C

South Davis Neighbors Neighborhood Action Plan

Matrix of Objectives

Traffic

Goals

Slow down traffic

Protect students and pedestrians

Manage cut through traffic

Objectives:

Form a committee to look at traffic concerns in the neighborhood

	Inventory problem traffic areas. 0
	Work with area businesses to encourage employees and patrons to use arterial streets, not residential streets. 7
	Need to limit access or close Fielder Road Baptist Church parking lot exit onto Wren.
	Stay in contact with the neighborhood schools to work toward solving traffic concerns. 1
	Encourage personnel from the school administration offices to use arterial streets rather than cutting through the neighborhood.
	Educate neighbors on the traffic problems and possible solutions. 0
	Encourage car pooling. 0
	Work with the City to use traffic calming means where they are needed and will be most effective. 2
	Investigate traffic calming devices (bumps, humps, chicanes, signs) 26
	Perform traffic counts in the neighborhood. 2
	Influence the City not to widen the streets. 11
	Stay in contact with City hall to keep them informed of traffic concerns. 0
	There are no sidewalks – the pedestrians need a safe place to walk.
	Work with police to increase traffic patrols in the neighborhood. 9
	Use neighborhood volunteers to spot violators and report them. 2
	Work with the City to lower the posted speed limits and to increase fines for speeding. 0

Lighting

Goals

Increase levels of lighting in the neighborhood

Insure that lighting is done in an attractive manner

Objectives:

Inventory dark areas. 0

Determine city standards on number of streetlights. 7

Replace old lights with brighter and more attractive (color and fixtures) lights. 15

Work with the City to obtain illuminated and/or reflective street signs. 0

Work with the City to insure that lanes of traffic are clearly marked and well illuminated. 0

Educate neighbors on the benefits of lighting for safety. 0

Encourage neighbors to use porch lights and motion detectors to increase lights. 12

Trim trees blocking lighting. 0

Investigate ways to encourage reflective clothing for walkers and runners to increase safety. 0

Mailboxes

Goals:

Keep mailboxes at the door.

Understand the process for moving boxes.

Spread word/educate neighbors about the process and desire to keep boxes at the doors.

Objectives:

Cultivate a relationship with USPS to stay in close contact. 18

Start investigating USPS policies. 8

Market the position of the neighbors. 0

Start news/e-mail/phone campaign about the mailbox issue to encourage a strong response to surveys, postcards, etc. asking for input from residents. 5

Develop pro's and con's list for keeping the mailbox at the door. 3

Central Location and Encroachment Issues

Goals:

Prevent encroachment from Fielder Rd. Baptist Church, AISD, apartments, etc.

Work toward Historic designation to prevent changes of land use

Need to minimize impacts of adjacent land uses such as noise, traffic, etc.

Objectives:

Form subcommittee to follow land use. 12

Inventory areas where encroachment is occurring.

Establish means of communication with the neighbors regarding new developments. 0

Follow land use plans and provide input from South Davis Neighbors. 0

Establish way of dispursing notification for zoning or land use changes through the neighborhood. 1

Determine validity of street masterplans. 7

Insure that streets are not widened.

Determine neighborhood goals for local streets. 5

Establish communications with Fielder Rd. Baptist Church to discuss plans for expansion. 4

Establish communications with AISD on school future plans. 3

Investigate school redistricting. 0

Make sure that future encroachment doesn't remove trees. 0

Investigate buffers to ease transition between land uses. 1

Develop objectives for achieving Historic designation.

Street Sweeping

Goals:

Improve the neighborhood appearance by having the streets swept more frequently.

Improve storm water drainage by keeping the drains clear of leaves and debris.

Objective:

Determine City and resident responsibility for keeping streets clean from debris and leaves. 15

Establish regular street cleaning schedule and notify residents of upcoming dates. 18

Encourage the City to keep the sweepers maintained and working and to keep personnel levels high so that regular sweeping schedules can be maintained.

Host a community service day to clean up the streets and leaves.

Have leaves and trimmings picked up regularly.

Educate neighbors on the importance of not blowing leaves into drains. 8

Support the new leaf-recycling program.

Contact the EPA regarding drainage pollution concerns.

Church Relations

Goals:

Establish reliable communication between neighborhood churches and residents.

Monitor the effects of church expansion on the neighborhood quality.

Objectives:

Meet with the churches to address specific concerns, asking particularly to be informed of any expansion projects before applications are made to the city for permits, zoning, etc. 21

Invite church representatives to neighborhood meetings. 7

Determine alternate traffic routes for parishioners to preserve the tranquility of residential streets. 5

Address parking concerns and parking lot design and maintenance. 1

Request that churches meet with neighborhood representatives during planning stages of special events or programs. 0

Collaboratively participate in special events when appropriate. 1

Organize Public Relations campaigns as needed to inform residents of upcoming expansion projects, meetings, or special events. 0

Determine optimal traffic control during services, programs and events. 0

Peacefulness and Serenity

Goals:

Maintain the neighborhood peacefulness and quiet

Maintain and protect the aesthetics of the neighborhood (trees)

Objectives:

Control traffic. 17

Renovate Howard Moore Park's children's area to provide a central area for children to play. 15

Influence the City not to widen neighborhood streets (which would allow faster, louder traffic). 11

Keep the trees and shrubs healthy. 6

Increase tree preservation efforts.

Tighten standards for tree preservation.

Reduce excessive noise sources—UTA stadium speakers, outdoor events, speeding cars, etc. 5

Build buffer zones (e.g. landscaped areas, fences, walls) around the perimeter of neighborhood.

Educate neighbors and surrounding businesses, schools, churches, apartments on the value of neighborhood peacefulness and on ordinance requirements.

Work with UTA to decrease noise from the stadium's public address (PA) system.

Discourage traffic generating businesses from locating near the neighborhood.

Notify residents of new construction around the neighborhood.

Implement and enforce a neighborhood watch program to help enforce the noise ordinances. 0

Property Maintenance

Goals:

Create and maintain a well-kept neighborhood with a pleasing appearance.

Objectives:

Inform residents of city codes on property maintenance.

Assure that code enforcement requirements exist and are enforced for common violations such as trash, abandoned vehicles, outdoor storage of indoor furniture, unmowed lawns with high weeds or untrimmed landscaping that interferes with traffic visibility and street lighting, etc.

Maintain paint on homes.

Encourage residents to park their cars in their driveways, rather than on the street to increase curb appeal.

Encourage residents to keep their yards free from litter.

Educate residents about trash out too early.

Encourage residents to use ammonia on trash bags to prevent animals digging in it.

Remove recycling bins from the curb after they are collected.

Encourage city to work with neighborhood toward a leaf recycling and collection program.

Educate residents about keeping the gutters free from leaves.

Have Arlington High School students do community service helping the elderly pick up leaves.

Make sure that trees are maintained in healthy manner.

Remove dead trees from properties.

Plant one tree for every tree removed from the neighborhood.

Make sure that future utility operations don't damage existing trees.

Develop a subcommittee to organize neighborhood cleanups and assistance for residents who have trouble maintaining their properties.

Organize neighborhood assistance for those who are elderly or low income to assist with yard care and upkeep.

Find ways to approach residents tactfully for assistance.

Use arbitration/mediation to help settle disputes about neighborhood maintenance.

Host a community service project with youth and residents to clean up the neighborhood.

Drainage

Goals:

To ensure that stormwater drainage is channeled appropriately and that flooding is prevented.

Objectives:

Create a neighborhood drainage committee.

Inventory drainage problem areas.

Make sure runoff is channeled to existing storm drains.

Submit listing of areas to City for remediation.

Request a storm water drainage study for problematic areas.

Make sure that roads (which serve as drainage channels) are in good shape without potholes or areas of disrepair that could hinder drainage.

Make sure that ponding is eliminated before insects can breed.

There are 34 drains on Cooper between Division and Inwood but only 1 from Park Row/Davis/Inwood/Sesco. There is a need to add more storm drains to the existing system in this area.

Review impact of recent developments on the drainage in the neighborhood to make sure that future developments do not further impact the area.

Should Fielder Rd. Baptist Church expand, ensure that drainage and run-off levels will not be increased.

Meet with the City and with AISD about drainage problems in order to create partnerships for long-term solutions.

Educate neighborhood residents on ways that they can improve drainage for the neighborhood.

Keep the creeks clean and free of debris for better drainage.

Keep the drains free of leaves for most efficient drainage.

Control erosion from drainage behind houses on Tucker and Mockingbird.

Low Water Pressure

Goals:

Increase water pressure to low pressure areas.

Insure that water pressure is strong enough to allow residents to run two appliances at the same time.

Insure that water pressure is strong enough to support sprinkler systems.

Objectives:

Select committee to head up task force.

Locate problem areas, generate list.

Request that City water department evaluate the cause of low water pressure to residences in the area; determine if cause is due to inadequate size of city pipes furnishing water supply (City responsibility) or deterioration of lines from the homes (private responsibility).

Submit list of concerns with City utility lines to City.

Replace City pipes if they are causing pressure problems.

Upgrade the City pumps if they are causing the problem.

Investigate price break options for multiple projects within the neighborhood to upgrade lines from the homes or individual plumbing problems.

Develop a "suggested service provider" list for neighborhood residents to use when contacting repair companies.

Discuss alternatives that might alleviate pressure problems, such as conservation, alternate watering schedules, etc.

Conduct an audit on regular basis to monitor new and unsolved issues.

Crime Prevention and Safety

Goals:

To reduce crime in the neighborhood.

Objectives:

Form an active neighborhood crime watch with lighting at night, visible signs and good participation with patrols from community.

	When crimes occur find a consistent way to alert the community.
	Ask the Arlington Police Department to attend regular neighborhood meetings to present periodic updates on neighborhood crime rates.
	Post signs to inform citizens that a crime has taken place. Give citizens a phone number to call. An answering machine would tell citizens what happened, what to watch out for, and
	Call or otherwise notify each other of any thefts or criminal activities.
	Include crime information in the newsletter.
	Educate residents on how to protect themselves and their homes.
	Provide information on alarm companies.
	Encourage neighbors to be alert to unusual activities.
	Use dogs to help alert citizens and deter crime.
	Increase awareness of vacant houses during the daytime.
	Get as many neighbors involved as possible. Only you can change the safety in your area.
	Improve lighting.
	Encourage use of motion detector lights at each home.
	Try to initiate an "every other house, every other night" program to leave the front porch on at homes in the neighborhood.
	Increase the number of "safe house" signs utilized by residences that have been pre-approved by the neighbors.
	Work hand in hand with police.
	Get police to increase patrols.
	Work to increase the sense of community.

Pool, Recreation, and Parks

Goals:

Insure that Howard Moore Park's shallow water pool is built and maintained. Lobby the Bond Committee to include a deep water pool in the future.

We need a beautiful pool and park.

Give Howard Moore Park a face-lift and promote the park.

Objectives:

Form a pool committee or reactivate old committee.

Keep neighbors active and informed about pool happenings.

Improve citizen communication.

Organize events to attract neighborhood residents into the park.

Foster a cooperative effort among the school, city, and neighborhood association for operation and maintenance of the pool located in Howard Moore Park.

Encourage night activities for safety.

Find additional funding.

Contact local businesses for sponsorship.

Seek sponsors that can display advertising at pool or allow vendors to sell goods with a percentage back to pool.

Privatize pool – those who use the pool pay for it.

Create a sense of responsibility within the City.

Promote neighborhood parks – increase signs, education material, etc.

Increase park security.

Develop programs and activities for the young people.

Improvements are needed for inner city parks.

Build a walk, exercise, jogging, biking trail around the park.

Resurface the tennis courts at Howard Moore Park.

Rebuild the parking lot in the park.

Install more lighting in park.

Need to build a wall to define the boundary of the apartments and park (rock or concrete).

Sense of Community

Goals:

Neighbors need to get to know one another better to promote general awareness, knowledge, and understanding of each other and of the neighborhood issues.

Objectives:

Organize a block captain system for each block, street, quarter, and neighborhood.

Form a subcommittee to investigate and manage ways to communicate with neighbors

Create a neighborhood directory

Create telephone "trees" (communication networks)

Make and distribute newsletters

Use e-mail/website to "get the word out" quickly when the association needs to get information to the residents.

Organize a welcome wagon committee to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood

Get information to and from block captains

Get donations from area businesses to welcome residents

Start a "honk and wave" campaign for neighbors to be friendly to each other

Give residents a sticker for their cars/homes that shows that they support SDN

Form a subcommittee to handle social activities for the neighborhood

Host neighborhood projects such as beautification efforts, cleanups, charitable events, etc.

Organize a neighborhood festival.

Host a day in the park.

Host mixers for residents.

Support and organize block parties.



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